

Church News.

ADDITIONAL.

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

MR. AND MRS. M. C. MYERS.

It is not our purpose in this article to dictate what shall be done in the interests of our school at this National Convention. We however accept the invitation extended by the Editor in advancing our thoughts pertaining to the work of the Convention. One of the things that the Brethren church of to-day most needs is a good school. The success of the church depends largely upon the success of the school. And in order to have a good school we should have the co-operation of the entire brotherhood, the united effort of the local churches. For "in union there is strength."

Now how can we secure this much needed co-operation? How can we awaken the interest of the local church due the school? We have given this matter considerable thought and have concluded to offer the following suggestions: That the trustees of Ashland University petition this National Convention to authorize the State Conventions to appoint a committee who shall with the assistance of the pastor in charge, appoint two solicitors in each local church, whose duty it shall be to call special quarterly meetings (which meeting shall be announced two or three weeks prior, and a full attendance urged.) At which appropriate talks shall be given or papers read in the interest of the school, talk about the great amount of good that can be accomplished through the school. In this way advertize it and awaken an interest in the church.

The solicitors shall have the names of the members and give each an opportunity to contribute, say five or ten cents, or more, and the poorer ones their pennies (per quarter) also to take up a public collection and thus give all an opportunity to give to this most noble cause. The solicitor shall then announce the amount and send it to the treasurer of the University, and the amount be acknowledged through the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, and thereby encourage each other in the work; also that the pastor report the amount for the year to the State Convention.

The amount received in this way from each church might be small but as it flowed into the treasury each quarter from the local churches in the brotherhood. It would be a large amount, which would increase with each quarter. In this way we would not only secure the co-operation and support of the churches, but there *patronage as well*, and thus awake an interest in the Brethren church that would

crown our beloved school. We have now stated our suggestions in a very brief way and hope to be properly understood.

As one of the trustees of Ashland University I am greatly interested in the success of the school and would ask that we all work and pray for its success, that it may be a great power for good in the world and an honor to God.

Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

MAN PROPOSE AND GOD DISPOSES.

We left our quiet little home last Friday morning and wended our way to Claypool, that evening, being our regular appointment at that place. On Saturday morning I fell in with a good Samaritan in the person of Brother Cox, who took me across the country to the hospitable home of Brother and Sister Bowman. On our way over from Claypool we were light hearted expecting to enjoy the wedding of Sister Sayger, eat a piece of the wedding cake, and Sunday was to be a day of pleasure to me at our basket meeting, as were expecting to enjoy a day's rest from preaching and listen to brethren Perry, Rench and Ditch. But alas, on reaching the home of Brother Bowman we received the sad intelligence of the death of Sister Bright, with a request to preach her funeral. Yesterday morning after the funeral we took our grip and umbrella and started to the grove to enjoy the afternoon. Just as we were going from the road to the grove we met another messenger in the person of brother E. E. Kime, calling us to the bedside of his father. We had just time to stop and eat dinner with brethren Lesh and Huffman, shake hands with Brother Perry, Rench and a few others and at once left the scene of enjoyment. We reached the home of father Kime about 4 o'clock in the afternoon; found him very weak in body, but a great desire to follow his Lord and Master through the waters of regeneration. The necessary arrangements were made and we carried him upon a stretcher to a tank that had been prepared and with the assistance of elder David Swihart and others, we baptized him, had confirmation in the evening, and with those present received him in full fellowship into the Brethren church.

At this writing, Monday morning, we are at his house. Physically he is feeling a little better, and spiritually he seems to be entirely satisfied. We hope, if it be the Lord's will, that he may soon be restored to health. Yet his years cannot be many at best, as he has reached his 63 mile post in life. O, how merciful has God been to him in sparing his life. In conclusion let me drop a word of warning to all, both young and old. In health and vigor make your preparation for a Christian life and an eternal home with our blessed redeemer in that mansion he has gone to prepare. D. A. HOPKINS.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM.

To be held at Ashland, Ohio, Sept. 3, 4, 5, 1895.

1. Devotional Service, Moderator.
2. Appointment of committees.
 - (1) Credentials and enrollment of Delegates.
 - (2) Organization.
3. Report of committees.
4. Appointment of committee on Committees.
5. Report of above committee.
6. Miscellaneous Business.

Tuesday Evening—7:30.

Annual Sermon, J. H. Knepper.

Wednesday Morning—8:30.

1. Devotional Services.
2. Reports.
 - (1) On Hymnal.
 - (2) On General Statistics, J. Allen Miller.
3. Appointment of pastoral charges, J. C. Mackey.
4. New Business.
5. Queries.

Wednesday—1:30 p. m.

1. Devotional Service.
2. Unfinished Business.
3. Ashland University.
4. Report of National Mission Board, Dr. Roop.
5. New Business.
6. Queries.

Wednesday—7:30 p. m.

1. Devotional Services.
2. Unfinished Business.
3. The Gospel Teaching concerning the Holy Spirit, J. Allen Miller.
4. General Discussion.
5. Queries.

Thursday—8:30 a. m.

1. Devotional Services.
2. Unfinished Business.
3. Report of S. S. C. E.
4. Proper Organization of a Church, G. W. Rench.
5. Report of Brethren Book and Tract Committee, A. D. Gnagey.
6. New Business.
7. Queries.

Thursday—1:30 p. m.

1. Devotional Services.
2. Unfinished Business.
3. Book and Tract Work, J. D. McFaden.
4. King's Children, J. O. Talley.
5. Report of Ministerial Association, W. C. Perry.
6. New Business.
7. Queries.

Thursday Evening 7:30.

1. Devotional Services.
2. Unfinished Business.
3. The Word of God, J. W. Bowman.
4. General Discussion.
5. New Business.
6. Queries.

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